

## Message Text

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FOR OES/APT/BMP

DEPT PASS TO DOI/USGS

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OSCI, TGEN,JA  
SUBJECT: GOJ GRANTS TO FOREIGN SCIENTISTS

1. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY (STA) HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY TO ADDRESS FOLLOWING INQUIRIES TO DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR: ARE THERE DOI REGULATIONS THAT PROSCRIBE ITS EMPLOYEES FROM RECEIVING GRANTS FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS? DOES DOI INTERPRET SUCH GRANTS AS SALARIES RATHER THAN FUNDS TO COVER TRAVELING AND LIVING EXPENSES AS INTERPRETED BY GOJ?
2. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT GOJ DECIDED TO AWARD A GRANT TO USGS EMPLOYEE (R. MCGUIRE) WHO HAD APPLIED FOR THE GRANT TO PERFORM RESEARCH IN JAPAN FOR THREE MONTHS BEGINNING ON MAY 22. RECENTLY, STA WAS INFORMED BY JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OF CONTENTS OF LETTER ADDRESSED TO NAGARA BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR BALSLEY OF USGS SAYING TO EFFECT THAT DOI EMPLOYEES ARE PROSCRIBED FROM RECEIVING "FUNDS" FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.
3. STA'S RECORD OF FOREIGN SCIENTISTS AWARDED SUCH UNCLASSIFIED

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GRANTS FOR PAST THREE YEARS SHOWS A TOTAL OF SEVEN USG SCIENTISTS (MOSTLY FROM USDA) PERFORMED RESEARCH IN JAPAN UNDER GOJ GRANTS.

4. BALSLEY IN HIS LETTER TO NAGARA SUGGESTED THAT GOJ GRANTS FOR MCGUIRE BE DEPOSITED AT U.S. EMBASSY IN TOKYO AND ACTUAL PAYMENT BE MADE TO MCGUIRE THROUGH

EMBASSY. STA STILL UNCERTAIN WHETHER SUGGESTED  
PROCEDURE WILL BE WORKABLE BECAUSE NO GRANT IS  
AVAILABLE TO RECIPIENT UNLESS HE SIGNS RECEIPT  
ISSUED BY GOJ.

5. PLEASE ADVISE BY CABLE ASAP.  
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